- c) refluxing said organic solvent to produce a carbohydrate alkylthiosulfonate.
- 3. The method of Claim 2, wherein said phase transfer catalyst comprises a quaternary ammonium salt.
- 4. The method of Claim 3, wherein said quaternary ammonium salt is tetrabutylammonium iodide.
- 5. The method of Claim 2, wherein said organic solvent comprises a non-polar organic solvent.
- 6. The method of Claim 5, wherein said non-polar organic solvent comprises toluene.
- 7. The method of Claim 2, wherein said alkylthiosulfonate is methanethiosulfonate.
  - 8. The method of Claim 7, wherein said methanethiosulfonate is a salt.
- 9. The method of Claim 2, wherein said carbohydrate comprises a monosaccharide.
- 10. The method of Claim 9, wherein said monosaccharide is selected from the group consisting of galactose, glucose and mannose.
- 11. The method of Claim 2, wherein said carbohydrate alkylthiosulfonate is a  $\beta$ -anomer.
- 12. The method of Claim 2, wherein said carbohydrate alkylthiosulfonate is an  $\alpha$ -anomer.
  - 13. A composition of matter having the structure:

14. A composition of matter having the structure:

15. A composition of matter having the structure:

16. A glycodendrimer reagent composition having the structure:

$$H_3CO_2SS-(CH_2)_a$$
 $N$ 
 $(CH_2)_b$ 
 $N$ 
 $(CH_2)_c$ 
 $N$ 
 $(CH_2)_c$ 
 $N$ 
 $(CH_2)_d$ 
 $(CH_2)_d$ 

wherein a, b, c, and d are individually the same or different and are independently selected from the group consisting of integers from 0 to 10, wherein X = SR or R, and wherein R is a monosaccharide selected from the group consisting of galactose, glucose, mannose and lactose.

- 17. The composition of Claim 16, wherein said monosaccharide is galactose.
- 18. The composition of Claim 16, wherein said monosaccharide is glucose.
- 19. The composition of Claim 16, wherein said monosaccharide is mannose.

20. The composition of Claim 16, wherein X is

21. The composition of Claim 16, wherein X is

- 22. The composition of Claim 20, wherein a = 1, b = 0, c = 1, and d = 1.
- 23. The composition of Claim 21, wherein a = 1, b = 0, c = 1, and d = 1.
- The composition of Claim 16, wherein a = 3, b = 0, c = 1, d = 1, X is R,

and R is

- 27. A method for inhibiting adhesin or lectin activity, comprising the steps of:
- a) providing a modified protease, said modified protease having a thiol side chain comprising a carbohydrate moiety;
- b) contacting said modified protease with a composition having an adhesin or lectin activity; and
- c) incubating said modified protease with said composition such that the adhesin or lectin activity of said composition is inhibited.
- 28. The method of Claim 27, wherein said modified protease is a modified serine protease.
- 29. The method of Claim 28, wherein said modified serine protease is a modified subtilisin.
- 30. The method of Claim 29, wherein said modified subtilisin is a modified *Bacillus lentus* subtilisin.
- 31. The method of Claim 28, wherein said modified subtilisin is a modified *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin.
- 32. The method of Claim 27, wherein said carbohydrate moiety comprises a monosaccharide.
- 33. The method of Claim 32, wherein said monosaccharide is selected from the group consisting of glucose, mannose, and galactose.
- 34. The method of Claim 27, wherein said thiol side chain is selected from the group consisting of -S- $\beta$ -Glc, -Et- $\beta$ -Gal, -S-Et- $\beta$ -Glc, -S-Et- $\alpha$ -Glc, -S-Et- $\alpha$ -Glc, -S-Et- $\alpha$ -Glc(Ac), -S- $\beta$ -Glc(Ac), -S- $\beta$ -Glc(Ac), -S- $\beta$ -Glc(Ac), -S- $\beta$ -Glc(Ac), -S-Et- $\alpha$ -Glc(Ac), -S-Et- $\alpha$ -Glc(Ac), -S-Et- $\alpha$ -Glc(Ac), -S-Et- $\alpha$ -Glc(Ac), -S-Et- $\beta$ -Glc(Ac), -S-Et- $\beta$ -Glc(Ac), -S-Et- $\beta$ -Glc(Ac), -S-Et- $\alpha$ -Man(Ac), -S-Et- $\alpha$ -Man(Ac), -S-Et- $\alpha$ -Man(Ac), -S-Et- $\beta$ -Gal(Ac), -S- $\beta$ -Man(Ac), -S- $\beta$ -Man(Ac), -S- $\beta$ -Man(Ac), -S- $\beta$ -Man(Ac), -S- $\alpha$ -Man(Ac), -S-
- 35 The method of Claim 27, wherein said composition comprises an adhesin or lectin from a bacteria.

- 36. The method of Claim 35, wherein said bacteria are A. naeslundii.
- 37. The method of Claim 30, wherein said modified *Bacillus lentus* subtilisin is S156C-SS-ethyl-2-(ß-D-galactopyranose).
- 38. The method of Claim 37, wherein said composition comprises an adhesin or lectin from a bacteria.
  - 39. The method of Claim 38, wherein said bacteria are A. naeslundii.
- 40. The method of Claim 27, wherein said carbohydrate moiety is a dendrimer moiety.
- 41. The method of Claim 40, wherein said modified protease is a modified serine protease.
- 42. The method of Claim 41, wherein said modified serine protease is a modified subtilisin.
- 43. The method of Claim 42, wherein said modified subtilisin is a modified *Bacillus lentus* subtilisin.
- 44. The method of Claim 41, wherein said modified subtilisin is a modified *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin.
- 45. The method of Claim 40, wherein said dendrimer moiety comprises mesitylene.
- 46. The method of Claim 43, wherein said modified *Bacillus lentus* subtilisin is S156C-mes(SS-\mathbb{G}-Gal)<sub>2</sub>.
- 47. The method of Claim 46, wherein said composition comprises an adhesin or lectin from a bacteria.
  - 48. The method of Claim 47, wherein said bacteria are *A. naeslundii*.

## LIST OF PENDING CLAIMS

- 1. A chemically modified mutant protein, said mutant protein comprising a cysteine residue substituted for a residue other than cysteine in a precursor protein, the substituted cysteine residue being subsequently modified by reacting said cysteine residue with a glycosylated thiosulfonate.
- 2. A method for producing a carbohydrate alkylthiosulfonate, comprising the steps of:
- a) providing a carbohydrate, an alkylthiosulfonate, and a phase transfer catalyst;
- b) reacting said carbohydrate and said alkylthiosulfonate in an organic solvent in the presence of said phase transfer catalyst; and
- c) refluxing said organic solvent to produce a carbohydrate alkylthiosulfonate.
- 3. The method of Claim 2, wherein said phase transfer catalyst comprises a quaternary ammonium salt.
- 4. The method of Claim 3, wherein said quaternary ammonium salt is tetrabutylammonium iodide.
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- 6. The method of Claim 5, wherein said non-polar organic solvent comprises toluene.
- 7. The method of Claim 2, wherein said alkylthiosulfonate is methanethiosulfonate.
  - 8. The method of Claim 7, wherein said methanethiosulfonate is a salt.
- 9. The method of Claim 2, wherein said carbohydrate comprises a monosaccharide.
- 10. The method of Claim 9, wherein said monosaccharide is selected from the group consisting of galactose, glucose and mannose.
- 11. The method of Claim 2, wherein said carbohydrate alkylthiosulfonate is a β-anomer.

- 12. The method of Claim 2, wherein said carbohydrate alkylthiosulfonate is an  $\alpha$ -anomer.
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15. A composition of matter having the structure:

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 $N$ 
 $(CH_2)_b$ 
 $N$ 
 $(CH_2)_c$ 
 $N$ 
 $(CH_2)_d$ 
 $S-X$ 
 $(CH_2)_c$ 
 $N$ 
 $(CH_2)_d$ 
 $(CH_2)_d$ 
 $(CH_2)_d$ 
 $(CH_2)_d$ 
 $(CH_2)_d$ 
 $(CH_2)_d$ 

wherein a, b, c, and d are individually the same or different and are independently selected from the group consisting of integers from 0 to 10, wherein X = SR or R, and wherein R is a monosaccharide selected from the group consisting of galactose, glucose, mannose and lactose.

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- 20. The composition of Claim 16, wherein X is

21. The composition of Claim 16, wherein X is

- 22. The composition of Claim 20, wherein a = 1, b = 0, c = 1, and d = 1.
- 23. The composition of Claim 21, wherein a = 1, b = 0, c = 1, and d = 1.
- 24. The composition of Claim 16, wherein a = 3, b =0, c = 1, d = 1, X is R, and R is

## 25. A glycodendrimer reagent composition having the structure:

$$H_3CO_2SS$$
 $H_3CO_2SS$ 
 $H_0$ 
 $H_$ 

- 27. A method for inhibiting adhesin or lectin activity, comprising the steps of:
- a) providing a modified protease, said modified protease having a thiol side chain comprising a carbohydrate moiety;
- b) contacting said modified protease with a composition having an adhesin or lectin activity; and
- c) incubating said modified protease with said composition such that the adhesin or lectin activity of said composition is inhibited.
- 28. The method of Claim 27, wherein said modified protease is a modified serine protease.
- 29. The method of Claim 28, wherein said modified serine protease is a modified subtilisin.
- 30. The method of Claim 29, wherein said modified subtilisin is a modified *Bacillus lentus* subtilisin.
- 31. The method of Claim 28, wherein said modified subtilisin is a modified *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin.
- 32. The method of Claim 27, wherein said carbohydrate moiety comprises a monosaccharide.
- 33. The method of Claim 32, wherein said monosaccharide is selected from the group consisting of glucose, mannose, and galactose.

- 34. The method of Claim 27, wherein said thiol side chain is selected from the group consisting of -S- $\beta$ -Glc, -Et- $\beta$ -Gal, -S-Et- $\beta$ -Glc, -S-Et- $\alpha$ -Glc,-S-Et- $\alpha$ -Man, -S-Et-Lac, -S- $\beta$ -Glc(Ac), -S- $\beta$ -Glc(Ac)<sub>2</sub>, -S- $\beta$ -Glc(Ac)<sub>3</sub>, -S- $\beta$ -Glc(Ac)<sub>4</sub>, -S-Et- $\alpha$ -Glc(Ac), -S-Et- $\alpha$ -Glc(Ac)<sub>2</sub>, -S-Et- $\alpha$ -Glc(Ac)<sub>3</sub>, -S-Et- $\alpha$ -Glc(Ac)<sub>4</sub>, -S-Et- $\beta$ -Glc(Ac), -S-Et- $\beta$ -Glc(Ac)<sub>2</sub>, -S-Et- $\beta$ -Glc(Ac)<sub>3</sub>, -S-Et- $\beta$ -Glc(Ac)<sub>4</sub>, -S-Et- $\alpha$ -Man(Ac), -S-Et- $\alpha$ -Man(Ac)<sub>2</sub>, -S-Et- $\alpha$ -Man(Ac)<sub>3</sub>, -S-Et- $\alpha$ -Man(Ac)<sub>4</sub>, -S-Et- $\alpha$ -Gal(Ac), -S-Et-Lac(Ac)<sub>5</sub>, -S-Et-Lac(Ac)<sub>6</sub>, -S-Et-Lac(Ac)<sub>7</sub>, -S- $\beta$ -Gal, -S- $\beta$ -Gal(Ac), -S- $\beta$ -Gal(Ac), -S- $\beta$ -Gal(Ac)<sub>3</sub>, -S- $\beta$ -Gal(Ac)<sub>4</sub>, -S- $\beta$ -Man(Ac), -S- $\beta$ -Man(Ac), -S- $\beta$ -Man(Ac), -S- $\alpha$ -Man(Ac)<sub>3</sub>, and -S- $\alpha$ -Man(Ac)<sub>4</sub>.
- 35 The method of Claim 27, wherein said composition comprises an adhesin or lectin from a bacteria.
  - 36. The method of Claim 35, wherein said bacteria are A. naeslundii.
- 37. The method of Claim 30, wherein said modified *Bacillus lentus* subtilisin is S156C-SS-ethyl-2-(β-D-galactopyranose).
- 38. The method of Claim 37, wherein said composition comprises an adhesin or lectin from a bacteria.
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- 43. The method of Claim 42, wherein said modified subtilisin is a modified *Bacillus lentus* subtilisin.
- 44. The method of Claim 41, wherein said modified subtilisin is a modified *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin.
- 45. The method of Claim 40, wherein said dendrimer moiety comprises mesitylene.

- 46. The method of Claim 43, wherein said modified *Bacillus lentus* subtilisin is S156C-mes(SS-β-Gal)<sub>2</sub>.
- 47. The method of Claim 46, wherein said composition comprises an adhesin or lectin from a bacteria.
  - 48. The method of Claim 47, wherein said bacteria are A. naeslundii.